(b) According to the company, the liquidity of the company has been severly affected due to delay of cash flow from its real estate project. The total amount of outstanding deposits as on date is as under:-

Category	Numbers	Amount (Lac/Rs.)
Shareholders	848	159.75
General Public	13454	2313.02
Total	14302	2472.77

(c) and (d) The Company Law Board had directed the company on 23.04.98 to make payment to all the 14 depositors who had filed applications before it along with interest at the contracted rate on or before 10th May, 1998. The Company has also been directed to refund the sum of Rs. 50/- paid by each of the depositors as filing fee. The Company Law Board has received 474 more applications from the depositors which were placed before the Board on 03.07.98. The Board directed the company to prepare a scheme for payment of overdue deposits and furnish the same to the Comapany Law Board within 10 days.

Frauds in Public Sector Banks

2975. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the bank-wise number of frauds detected in public sector banks and the amount involved therein during the year 1996, 1997 and 1998 so far; and:

(b) the details of the action taken against delinquent employees/officers of these banks for their involvement in the frauds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAM): (a) Information relating to number of frauds reported by public sector banks to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and amount involved therein during the years 1996, 1997 and 1998 (upto March, 1998) is given at Annexure (*See* Appendix 184 Annexure No. 82)

(b) The position as reported by RBI regarding action taken by public sector banks in the years 1996 and 1997 against the delinquent officials for involvement in frauds is as under:—

(a) No. of official convicted 103

(b) No. of officials awarded major/ minor penalties 2693

(c) No. of officials dismissed/ discharged/removed 719

Excise duty evasion by M/s. Padmini Polymers Limited

2976. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have investigated the volume of Central Excise Duty evaded and also fraudulently withdrawn drawback duty worth several crores of rupees against fictitious export of CDs (Compact Discs) by CEO and staff of M/s. Padmini Polymers Limited., Okhla, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total loss of Government Exchequor;

(d) the details of efforts made or taken by Government as well as the Central Revenue agencies to recover the amount; and

(e) what legal action is contemplated by Government and agencies against the CEO-PPL in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAM): (a) to (e) Yes Sir, The Director General Anti-Evasion, New

Delhi have booked a case against M/s. Padmini Polymers Limited, Okhla, New Delhi for evasion of Central Excise duty amounting to Rs. 7.69 crores. A Show-Cause has since been issued against the Company. The CEO-PPL has also been made notice to the Show-Cause Notice, to show cause why penalty under Central Excise Rules should not be imposed on him. No case of fraudulent withdrawal of drawback benefit against fictitious exports of CDs (Compact Discs) has been noticed against the Company.

Outstanding Loans of Nationalised Banks

2977. SHRI KRISHAN KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the various nationalised banks in the country have totally failed to recover loans;

(b) if so, the total loan amount outstanding to be recovered by each of the nationalised banks as on 30th June. 1998;

(c) whether any instructions have been issued by Government/RBI to various banks to recover the said loans in a time bound period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and what other efforts are being made to recover the loans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAM): (a) No Sir.

(b) A Statement showing the advances of nationalised banks to be recovered as on 31.3.97 (latest available) is given in the Statement. *(See below)*

(c) and (d) Banks have been advised to formulate loan recovery policy, reduce NPAs, set up recovery cells at head Offices for improving and monitering of recovery, take recourse to Debt Recovery Tribunals and keep in view the list of defaulters/suit filed accounts while sanctioning fresh loans. Other steps taken to recover the NPAs are annual discussion with top executives of the nationalised banks, strengthening of credit management, fixing staff accountability etc.

Government had appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Pannir Selvam, Chairman, Indian Banks' Association to go into the causes of NPAs and to suggest remedial action. The recommendations of the Committee constitute a valuable input in the ongoing exercise of dealing with the problem of NPAs in banks.

Statement

Advances of Nationalised Banks as on 31 March 1997 to be recovered

(Rupees in Crores)

Sl. No.	Name of Bank	Amount
1.	Allahabad Bank	4937.90
2.	Andhra Bank	2907.34
3.	Bank of Baroda	16531.63
4.	Bank of India	18336.86
5.	Bank of Maharashtra	3111.34
6.	Canara Bank	14412.83